

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/783,979  
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Applicant: Shintaro ASUKE et al.  
Group Art Unit: 1731  
Examiner: Jason L. Lazorcik  
Title: CONTINUOUS-TREATMENT APPARATUS AND  
CONTINUOUS-TREATMENT METHOD  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 25, 2008, and in conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination concurrently filed herewith, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.